GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Harmful Ingredients in Cosmetics
Birla Shri Om

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has taken note of the enormous harm caused by microbeads in shower gels and face wash for marine life which has been banned in US;

(b) if so, whether any restriction that has been issued in usage of harmful ingredients in cosmetic products in our country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a): No such report on the harmful effects of microbeads has been received by CDSCO. However, as per available information in the internet, a study conducted by the Plymouth University, UK found that cosmetic products used as daily essentials contain huge quantities of plastic particles that could be harmful to marine life.
(b): As per Schedule S of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, cosmetics in finished form is required to conform to the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) specifications laid down from time to time by the BIS. Cosmetics can only contain Dyes, Colours and pigments specified by the Bureau of Indian Standards and included in Schedule Q to the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945.
(c): Not applicable in view of reply to part (b).
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